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State of Georgia } in the name of God I
Pickens County } Edward Johnson of said State
and County being of advanced age but of sound
and disposing mind and memory knowing that
I must shortly depart this life deem it right both as
respects my family and myself that I should make
a disposition of the property with which a kind providence
has blessed me I do therefore make this my last will
and testament hereby revoking and annulling all
others by me heretofore made

First I direct and direct that my body be
buried in a decent and a christian like manner
suitable to my circumstances and conditions in life
my soul I trust shall return to rest with God who
give it - as I hope for salvation through the merits
and labors of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ } Secondly I desire and direct
that all my just debts be paid without delay by
my executor hereinafter mentioned and appointed

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Eliza a tract or parcel of land containing thirty
four more or less the 15th district and 20th section
in said county Chamber 201 with all the rights, privileges
and appurtenances to said parcel of land in
anywise belonging free from all charge and incumbrance
whatsoever I also give and bequeath in the same
unreserved manner the farming implements
used on and belonging to said farm as parcel
of said land one milk cow one or seven head
hogs and all my household and kitchen furniture
and that she may enjoy said property only
so long as she may live and remain a
widow after her death and when my youngest
child shall be of age I shall give and bequeath the said

property or the part that remains to be sold and equally
divided among my lawful heirs
Fourthly I hereby constitute and appoint my son
Josiah Johnson executor of this my last will
and testament This August 30th 1883 Edward Johnson
Signed sealed and published by Edward Johnson
as his last will and testament in the presence of
us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto
in the presence of said testator and each other
This August 20th 1883

Rial B. Striplin
Jonathan C. Mully
Harry C. Truff
William H. Pece
M. D. Evans

Georgia Pickens County, We Rial B. Striplin, W. H.
Pece and J. C. Mully do swear that we saw
the within named Edward Johnson sign and
publish the within paper as his last will and
testament that we subscribed the same as witnesses
thereto at the special instance and request of the
said Edward Johnson and in his presence and
in the presence of each other that the said
Edward Johnson signed the same freely
and voluntarily and was at the time of such
signing of sound and disposing mind
and memory sound and subscribed
before me this 3rd day of Novr 1884

E. Hood

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Rial B. Striplin
Jonathan C. Mully
W. H. Pece